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The term "adapted to" of Claim 7 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as vague and the applicant was advised that an amendment positively reciting means or structural elements would overcome the rejection.

Independent Claim 7 as amended now recites filter media included by the filter of the moving water processing module. The positive recitation of filter "media" instead of the now deleted "adapted to" language is accordingly believed to overcome the 112 rejection of Claim 7.

Independent Claim 7 as now amended further specifies that the filter media acts to remove "non-living organic (carbon) and inorganic impurities" as the water flows therethrough (lines 11, 12), and to specify that the UV radiation of the still water processing module neutralizes "living organism organic impurities" (lines 20, 21). These amendments further define the invention of Claim 7 conforming the claim to the specification. See, e.g., Paragraph 3 of the specification defining "organic" and "inorganic" in the phrases "organic pollutants" and "inorganic pollutants," where "organic" pollutants has been defined to refer to "living organisms," and "inorganic" pollutants to "non-living organic (carbon) or inorganic compounds." No new matter has been entered.

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Claim 7 has also been amended to specify that the UV line radiator of the still water processing module is disposed within the basin, broadening the scope of the claim over the original recitation that the UV line radiator was "upstanding in, and centrally disposed within" the basin. This amendment has been made to prevent a competitor from literally infringing the invention of Claim 7 by the simple expedient of disposing a UV radiator in the basin other than in an upstanding orientation or central position therein. New Claim 15, dependent on Claim 7, stipulates that the UV line radiator is upstanding in, and centrally disposed within, the basin. No new matter has been entered.

Because Claim 7 has been indicated allowable provided the 112 rejection is overcome, and since the present amendment as above discussed is believed to overcome the 112 rejection, Claim 7 is now in allowable condition and does not need further discussion.

Claim 8 has had its dependency changed and now depends from Claim 7. Accordingly the rejection of Claim 8 as of improper dependency is now believed to be overcome so that Claim 8 does not need to be further discussed.

Since Claims 1-6 and 13-14 have been canceled without prejudice, the Claims 1-6 and 13-14 also do not need to be further discussed.

For the foregoing reasons, the allowance of Claim 7, and its dependents 8-12 and 15, is now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby respectfully requested.

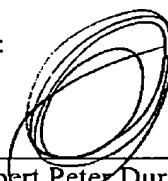
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Reconsideration, re-examination, and early allowance of Claim 7, 8-12 and 15 are accordingly respectfully requested.

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